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LEGAL NOTICE

Chatham Water Customers:

The Town of Chatham Board of Selectmen, as the Water & Sewer Commissioners, at their May 31, 2016, regularly scheduled Public Meeting, has determined that a potential for a water shortage exists due to the limited availability of production wells due to high levels of iron and manganese. These restrictions have been enacted so that water production for the summer of 2016 does not exceed the DEP allowed pumpage which was exceeded in 2015. The excess pumpage in 2015 resulted in longer pumping hours for all wells and did not give the aquifer or the equipment sufficient time to rest and recover. The Water & Sewer Commissioners have voted to enact a "Declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation" from June 15, 2016 to September 15, 2016, with the following voluntary water use restrictions.

Restricted Water Uses

The "Declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation" shall include the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements on the use of water:

- (1) Outdoor watering by water users with odd numbered addresses is restricted to odd numbered days from 4:00 pm to 8:00 am. Outdoor watering by water users with even numbered addresses are restricted to even numbered days from 4:00 pm to 8:00 am.
- (2) Restaurants should serve water only if requested
- (3) Swimming pools may not be filled by using the Town water supply
- (4) Sidewalks and driveways may not be hosed down.

Below are listed some additional water conservation tips on lawn watering and irrigation:

- (a) An average healthy turf or lawn requires about an inch of water a week, including rainfall.
- (b) Periodic, thorough soaking is better than daily watering.
- (c) Properly designed and installed automatic irrigation systems are more efficient than manual watering. They can be set to water when it's most beneficial, i.e.,

early morning before dawn, before most people are up using water. Automatic irrigation systems should be checked regularly for proper settings and be fitted with rain sensors, avoiding unnecessary watering.

- (d) When watering with garden hoses, set a shallow can or rain gauge in the area to be watered. Set a timer for an hour and measure the water collected. Then use the timer to irrigate based on the amount of water desired and to avoid over-watering.

Declaration of State of Water Supply Conservation

Chapter 261, “Water Supply Emergency” of the Town of Chatham’s General Bylaw gives the Water Commissioners (Board of Selectmen) the right to declare a State of Water Supply Conservation or Water Supply Emergency upon a determination by a majority vote of the board that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply of water to all water consumers.

Public notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency; notification to DEP

- (a) Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency shall be published in a local newspaper or newspaper having general circulation within the Town or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the state of water supply conservation or state of water supply emergency.
- (b) Any restriction imposed shall not be effective until such notification is provided.
- (c) Notification of the State of Water Supply Conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Termination and notice of a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency

- (a) A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen upon determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists.
- (b) Public notification of the termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency shall be given in the same manner as stated above for public notification implementing a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency.

Board of Selectmen

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